

## THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

INFORMATION  
FOR EVERYBODYBrief Mention of the News, Both  
General and Personal.

## OF MATTERS OF INTEREST

Notes of More Than Passing Notice,  
Concise Written That Much May  
Be Said in Little Space—Condensed  
News for Those Who Read Quickly  
and Those Who Have No Time to  
Spare to Learn What Is Going on  
in the City and Surrounding Sec-  
tion.

There came near being a serious fire on Green street yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, caused by some bedding being on fire. It was put out without turning in to-day's issue.

There was an entertainment in the lecture-room of the Court Street Baptist Church yesterday afternoon by the children of the Sunday school. It ended with an old-fashioned candy pulling by the children.

The Weather Bureau says a cold wave is enroute here and will reach here to-night.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Portsmouth Coal and Ice Company in to-day's issue.

It is positively stated that on April 1st that the Portsmouth and Norfolk county ferries will be turned over to Mr. Obell, of Baltimore, and that it will be run in the interest and in connection with the Newport News and Pig Point railroad.

It would be an excellent idea to have some of the dirt swept off the stones on High street before the Congressional committee arrives. Let them see that our streets are kept clean.

The roof of a kitchen on Griffin street caught on fire yesterday morning from a spark out the chimney. It was put out without giving any alarm.

Rev. Dr. Fisher was in the city yesterday. He returned to Phoebus in the afternoon. He says that Rev. Mr. Davis' meeting promises to result in much good.

There will be three candidates for the position of High Constable.

Past Assistant Surgeon J. A. Guthrie had born unto him yesterday morning a son.

The throwing of coal and other missiles at the house has ceased, he having disposed of his property and moved to another portion of the city.

Messrs. A. H. Martin and John A. Codd have returned from Richmond. Postmaster Burroughs left last night for Washington to come down with the Committee on Public Property, who will arrive here to-morrow.

Mr. C. S. Sherwood said yesterday that it was not known how many members of the Committee on Public Property will be here, but he expected a telegram to-day. They will be given a dinner at Ocean View in the afternoon and will then be escorted over to Old Point, where they will take the steamer at night for home.

The death rate in February has been very small. So far there have been but four deaths in eight days.

The carpenters who have been working on the hotel have knocked off on account of reduction in wages, and the business is at a standstill.

Mr. Farley, late of the firm of Farley & Davis, has purchased Mr. Charles White's saloon under Elks' Hall, and will conduct the business in his own name.

The Hustings Court met yesterday, and after hearing a few motions, adjourned until 14 day.

The slaters cannot finish the roof of St. Paul's Church because of the delay on the part of the coppersmiths who are working on the steeple.

Mr. John Tatem, the driver of the hook and ladder company, reported for duty yesterday. The skin on his face is all scaling off.

The Baptist people of Pinner's Point and Port Norfolk will give an oyster and ice cream supper at their chapel this evening. Supper served on European plan from 6:30 to 11 p. m.

The School Board will meet to-night if a quorum can be secured.

J. G. Salisbury tells you that he has plenty of board ends on hand which he sells cheap. See ad.

Miss Carrie Miller, of Baltimore, who has been visiting in the city for some time, returned home last night.

The Seaboard Air Line band is gaining quite a reputation for themselves as being experts at their business.

A colored boy, who gave his name as Wm. Jones, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with stealing brass from the old Seaboard Theatre. He will have a hearing to-day.

The attendance at the gymnasium exhibition last night showed the interest the people of Portsmouth feel in such work, and it should encourage more of it.

Last night about 10:30 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from box 62, caused by a lamp exploding in one of the old houses that was formerly Dean's factory. It was put out by some colored men before any damage was done.

A man named Burwell Hadley was arrested last night for stealing a Bible from Glebe in Norfolk city. He was turned over to the Norfolk authorities. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will give an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Valentine night. The ladies promise all who attend a pleasant evening.

A family row will be settled in the Mayor's Court this morning.

It is terrible the noise that some street cars on the Portsmouth street railroad makes. It would almost wake up the dead.

Mr. Frank Marshall is in the city after an absence of twenty-five years. He was warmly greeted by some of his former acquaintances.

The Lawn Workers of Monumental Church will give a "Bubble" party to the children this (Friday) afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock at the residence of E. H. Gayle, 426 London street. Ro-

## A GREAT SUCCESS.

A large and delighted audience filled the Elks' Opera House last night a little after 10 o'clock. Those present were simply charmed at the great skill and splendid development of the men and boys who took part in the exhibition. Every number was skillfully executed, and they demonstrated the ability of Mr. Limburger, the physical director, to arrange and carry out successfully such a creditable event. Encores were the order of the evening.

Mr. Thomas M. Robertson took the role of the "Funny Man," and his eccentricities and apparently accidental feats added greatly to the pleasure of those present.

The Juniors were most cordially received and their parts splendidly taken. Following was the program presented:

1. Band Concert.....S. A. L. Band
2. Grand Review of Classes.
3. Wand Drill.....Seniors
4. Messrs. H. E. Dorin, Stewart Kraft, Garland Edwards, C. J. Phillips, C. S. Phillips, Thomas H. Roberts, Bruce Brittingham, F. M. Wilder, H. B. Davis, S. A. Melas, Samuel Duval, Bennett, Peele, George Leakin, E. L. Baker, W. K. Neville, J. Mayo and M. T. Mo-maw.
5. Parallel Bars.....Seniors
6. Tumbling.

Leakin and Physical Director.

6. Band Concert.....S. A. L. Band
7. Elephant Drill.....Seniors
8. Horizontal Bar.....Seniors
9. Mat Work.....Seniors
10. Pyramids.....Juniors

Messrs. B. H. Garrett, Smith Brittingham, Joe Manning, Willie White, Virgilus Butt, Binford Thompson, Willie Quillins, George E. Stanley, J. H. Fleming, R. A. Hutchins, Willie Ives, Mr. Percy Carney, pianist; Mr. Joseph Limburger, physical director.

The selections rendered by the Seaboard Air Line Band were heartily en-cored, and they sustained the reputa-tion they have made of being musicians of a high order.

This program, composed entirely of our own people, demonstrates our ability to manage successfully an enterprise we undertake.

Dr. Janus F. Lynch, of Norfolk, a member of and physical examiner of that association, made a brief address on the many healthful and helpful advantages of physical culture as conducted in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasiums, their object being to develop men and boys physically, in order that they may be strong, robust, healthy men. He laid special emphasis on the fact that the best time to begin was when young. Most boys from 8 to 16 years would be benefited wonderfully.

## OCEAN COUNCIL ON A BOOM.

Ocean Council, Royal Arcanum, is the banner council of the State of Virginia; it is the largest in membership, and the average age, which is 32 years per member, is the lowest of any council; it has had the largest increase in membership for several years. The members do not intend that this year shall be different from any previous year. They have secured the services of Special Deputy Grand Regent Harry Kemp, who knows how to work for the good of the order. He has only been in the city a few days, and presented to the meeting Wednesday night the names of eighteen well-known citizens for membership. Mr. C. M. Megninley also presented one, making 19 in all.

Mr. Kemp, at the meeting, entertained those present with a humorous talk and several funny songs, which created considerable laughter. Col. Hodges and Mr. Walter Irvin were also present and said a number of things that were for the good of the order and were instructive.

Mr. Kemp will remain until the next meeting of the council, and hopes by that time to add more than twice eighteen to the list of members.

## LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

A literary and musical entertainment will be given at Glenn Hall, Scottsville, this evening, February 9th, 1900, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Central Mission, at which the following program will be rendered:

1. Piano solo.....Selected Miss Eveline Clark.
2. Vocal duet.....Messrs. Joseph M. Tatem and Clarence B. Johnson.
3. Recitation.....Selected Mr. Walmsley.
4. Vocal solo.....Mrs. J. Cliff Edwards
5. Instrumental duet (violin and guitar).....Messrs. Davis and Ireland

## PART II.

6. Vocal solo.....Selected Mr. C. W. Steele.
7. Vocal solo.....Selected Mrs. J. Cliff Edwards.
8. Violin solo.....Mr. Davis
9. Vocal solo.....Miss Emily Runtling
11. Recitation.....Selected Mr. Walmsley.

Refreshments will be served by the ladies.

## WILL TAKE OFF THEIR HANDS.

It is said that Mr. Lancaster Williams stated before the House Committee of the Legislature Wednesday that if the present lessees of the ferry were not satisfied and thought that a bridge across the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth river would hurt the ferry he would take it off their hands at the price paid. He was then asked what about the next ten years. He replied that he would make it twenty if the committee so desire it. This shows whether he has confidence in the future of the ferry or not.

## DEATH OF MRS. JOHN SMITH.

Mrs. Martha Levin Smith, wife of Capt. John Smith, died at the residence of her husband, No. 313 County street, yesterday morning in the 75th year of her age. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the above residence, to which friends of the family are invited to attend.

## Nervous Headache Cured

Speedily. No danger by Hick's Capu-dine. 15 and 25c, at drug stores.

## Special Offer.

We are making special offers to parties who wish to secure homes in Park View or Port Norfolk, and who do not own a plot. Call at once if you want one.

SEABOARD REAL ESTATE CO., 214 High St. (Upstairs).

## THE SEABOARD BLOCK.

The committee make its report, which is as follows:

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the buildings in Seaboard block and find Nos. 800, 802 and 804 have been temporarily secured by iron rods, bolts, anchors, &c., and we commend the improvements so far as they have gone, but in our best judgment they are not sufficient to ensure the safety of the buildings. We also find buildings have settled since the construction of same in depth varying in front from 1/4 to 3/4 inches, and on the rear from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches. Within the last eighteen months the walls have settled in depth varying from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches, and we find the elevation also very much out of plumb, varying as follows: Northeast corner of No. 800, two inches in 15 feet at base and 2 1/2 inches from top to bottom. Northwest corner, looking east, show top wall 4 1/2 inches out of plumb, leaning outward. Northwest corner looking south, 11 inches out of plumb from top to bottom, leaning outward. Pilaster and column between Nos. 800 and 802, 7 1/2 inches out of plumb; pilaster between Nos. 804 and 806 1 1/2 inches out of plumb from top to bottom. Reference is hereby given to plans and details furnished by the City Engineer, accompanying this report. Such settling, we believe, greatly endangers the safety of the buildings. There has not been anything done to remedy these settlements or to strengthen the foundation, and in consideration of these facts we consider these buildings unsafe. There has not been anything done in buildings Nos. 806 and 808 to relieve the danger.

WM. G. W. PARKER, F. WIERSDORF, W. D. MINTER, F. O. CAIN, F. W. CHERRY, C. N. MOODY.

This is the third commission that has been appointed and each one have reported the buildings unsafe.

Mayor Baird said yesterday that he would notify the owners that the buildings must come down at once. No doubt they will appeal to the courts. This he cannot help, but it will relieve him from all responsibility should any accident occur. He had done what he believed was his duty under the law.

## CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN.

Mr. Louis Morris was Tuesday very much surprised to see a stranger enter his place of business, who asked if he was Mr. Louis Morris, whom he knew thirty-nine years ago, and that he (Morris) at that time loaned him \$4, which he had never paid, but was now here to cancel the debt, with interest. The stranger, who is a resident of New York, said this was his first visit to Portsmouth in that length of time, and that he had frequently thought of the debt and would have cancelled the same by mail, but lived in hopes that he might meet face to face again with the man who had befriended him when in need. Mr. Morris shook hands with the gentleman and said that the transaction had long since passed out of his mind, and that nothing but the facts connected with the circumstances as related by the gentleman could ever have brought it back to him. He refused to accept the money, but the gentleman insisted and wanted to pay interest. The two gentlemen were brought close to each other and the past was talked over and many a pleasant time spent together was discussed between the two and old memories were renewed.

## WHO SHALL DO THE WORK.

When the workmen put new fronts to the stores under Hotel Portsmouth the pavement was torn up for about five feet in width, and has been so for some time.

There is an ordinance that says when pavements are torn up for repairs or improvements to be made that they shall be replaced by the street force under the supervision of the Street Inspector.

Yesterday morning the man in charge of the brick work at the hotel sent a negro man there to relay the bricks; Street Inspector Wood ordered him to desist, which the man did; the superintendent ordered the man to continue; Mr. Wood said if he did he would have both arrested for violating the city ordinances. Some words ensued between the two. Worked was stopped, and Mr. Lowenberg was appealed to, but nothing has been done in the matter as yet, and cannot be unless it is done in conformity with the ordinance.

## THE HUSTINGS COURT.

Judge A. S. Watts opened the February term of the Hustings Court yesterday.

The court appointed Annie E. Clark administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, John F. Clark, \$899 being given as bond. W. B. Johnson, Caleb Flemming and Harvey Lane were appointed appraisers.

Bernard Fauch qualified as administrator of Elizabeth R. Fauch in bond of \$3,000. J. P. Manning, E. Thompson, William Tyler, J. G. Edwards and R. A. Hutchins being appointed appraisers of the estate.

Edward M. Watts qualified as notary public.

L. T. Adams was authorized to sell "The Life and Writings of Dwight L. Moody."

S. D. T. Manning, J. W. H. Joliff and Walter H. Stroud were appointed trustees of Grace Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F.

## DEATH OF BEN MARKHAM.

A telegram was received at the navy-yard yesterday by Commodore Barker, from the Portsmouth, N. H., yard, stating that Carpenter Benjamin F. Markham, who was stationed at that yard, had died Wednesday night.

Mr. Markham is a native of this city, and was appointed a carpenter in the navy about twenty-five years ago. He was stationed at the yard up to a few weeks ago, when he was ordered to Portsmouth, N. H.

He leaves three sons, who reside in this city—Mr. Lemuel Markham, a clerk at the S. A. L.; Harry Markham, a clerk at the S. A. L.; and Lester, a youth 14 years old, who resides with his aunt, Mrs. Edward Powell, corner County and Court streets.

Mr. Lemuel Markham left last night for Portsmouth, to make arrangements to have his father's remains brought here.

The Whitson Printing Company has moved to 611 Crawford street, near King.

## BOARD OF TRADE.

Endorses Extension of the Seaboard Air Line.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade and Exchange the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the city of Portsmouth is greatly interested in the growth and development of the Seaboard Air Line System of railways, and in the extension of such system from the city of Richmond to the city of Washington; and,

Whereas, the bill now pending in the General Assembly of Virginia, authorizing the construction of another line of railway between the cities of Richmond and Washington; and,

Whereas, such railroad, when constructed, will form a part of the Seaboard Air Line System now having its terminus in this city; and,

Whereas, the line of railway communication between the said cities is now practically monopolized by one railway company; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Board of Trade and Exchange of the city of Portsmouth, That the representatives of this city, in both Houses of the General Assembly of Virginia, be, and are hereby, requested to do all things in their power to secure the passage of said bill.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's, old stand.

## DIED.

SMITH.—At the residence of her husband, 313 County street, Portsmouth, Va., February 8th, 1899, MARTHA LEVINIA, wife of Capt. John Smith, aged 74 years, 8 months, 14 days.

Funeral services at the residence THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

WEST.—At the residence of Mr. Charles Johnson, 207 Court Street Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 8th 1900, at 5 o'clock a. m., MRS. ALICE P. WEST, wife of Capt. J. T. West, Superintendent of Public Schools of Norfolk county, aged 51 years.

Funeral services from Good Hope M. E. Church SATURDAY at 1 o'clock p. m.

WANTED.—A BRIGHT YOUNG MAN to clerk in wholesale grocery store; references required. Only written applications considered. JOSEPH A. PARKER.

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A UCTIONEER'S SALE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

I will sell at public auction at 10:30 a. m. MONDAY, February 12th, 1900, at the residence of Mr. B. F. Howell, No. 412 Washington street, all of the household and kitchen furniture therein contained, consisting of Parlor and Chamber Suits, Moquette Carpets, Lace Curtains, Stoves, Dinner Sets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, &c., &c.

JOHN C. NIEMEYER, Auctioneer.

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\$9.90 FOR MEN'S SUITS	WORTH \$13.50
\$11.90 FOR MEN'S SUITS	WORTH \$16.50

## Boys' Suits at Less than Cost.

\$1.99 FOR BOYS' SUITS	WORTH \$2.50
\$1.98 FOR BOYS' SUITS	WORTH \$3.50
\$2.48 FOR BOYS' SUITS	WORTH \$4.00
\$3.19 FOR BOYS' SUITS	WORTH \$5.00

## Men's Overcoats at Cost.

\$4.99 FOR MEN'S O'COATS	WORTH \$7.50
\$7.95 FOR MEN'S O'COATS	WORTH \$12.00
\$8.90 FOR MEN'S O'COATS	WORTH \$13.50
\$11.90 FOR MEN'S O'COATS	WORTH \$16.50

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